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TOPIC Movements of Units of the 4th Gds Arty Brig in Schwerin and 25X1
Wiring Practices at the Die Lewitz Firing Range

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED
Information 25X1

1. Between 1700 and 2200 on 3 July 1954, guides with signal flags were posted along the road from Krueger Kaserne (5542) in Schwerin through the town toward Wismar. Trucks towing 8 x 100-mm AT guns and 6 x 122-mm field howitzers left the installation and went toward Wismar and other trucks towing 4 x 100-mm AT guns and 2 x 122-mm field howitzers arrived at the installation from the direction of Wismar. At 0830 on 4 July, 8 trucks towing 4 x 100-mm AT guns and 4 x 122-mm field howitzers left the installation and went toward Wismar. No guides were observed. _____ At 0900, 3 trucks carrying ammunition boxes went in the same direction. 1 25X1
2. At 0530 on 9 July, at least 8 x 122-mm field howitzers and 13 x 100-mm AT guns were detrained at the Schwerin freight station and subsequently left for Krueger Kaserne. Field howitzers and AT guns were towed by YA-12 prime movers including _____ Four trucks including _____ were seen during the unloading. A shipping document on a car of this train indicated Sagard/Ruegen as the dispatching station. It was the impression that the returning troops were those who had been entrained in the morning on 3 July.² At 1400 on 10 July, 4 prime movers towing 4 x 122-mm field howitzers, 3 trucks _____ and about 50 soldiers left the installation for entraining at the Schwerin freight station. 25X1
3. Between 2200 and midnight on 2 July, aircraft were repeatedly seen over Rastow north of Ludwigslust. Between 0100 and 0300 on 3 July, AA guns fired with tracer ammunition in this area. Between 1 and 4 July, heavy artillery fire, presumably of 122-mm field howitzers, was heard from Muehlenberge (hill), about 1 km northeast of Rastow.³ 25X1
1. Comment. The movements toward Wismar of units of the 4th Gds Arty Brig were presumably made in connection with short-term exercises in the vicinity of the post, since the units left by road and the guns were towed by trucks instead of prime movers. Similar movements of the brigade from Schwerin toward Wismar had been observed in early June. 25X1

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[REDACTED] Comment. Compare with previous information on the loading of elements of the 4th AAA Arty Brig on 3 July in Schwerin. [REDACTED] It appears credible that the unit had been stationed on Ruegen Island in the meantime since, according to other information, firing at sea targets was conducted there by artillery units in early July. The fact that field howitzers participated in the exercise is reported for the first time.

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[REDACTED] Comment. For information on the firing with live ammunition in the Die Lewitz area north of Ludwigslust, [REDACTED] AAA firing practices in this area are reported for the first time.

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